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1. IN SECURING APPROVALS REQUESTED REFTEL, DEPT. SUGGESTS IT MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO CALL ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE HOST GOVT. OFFICIALS TO FACT THAT INVESTMENT GUARANTEE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN USG AND EACH GOVT. REFERRED TO IN REFTEL CREATE FOR USG CURRENCY TRANSFER RIGHTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE THAT MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LOCAL EXCHANGE CONTROL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGULATIONS. IN MATTERS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVTS, SUCH AD-

DITIONAL RIGHTS, RATHER THAN THOSE POSSIBLY MORE LIMITED RIGHTS ESTABLISHED BY LOCAL LAW FOR ORDINARY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, SHOULD BE DEEMED CONTROLLING.

- 2. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION CONVEYED REFTEL DEPT. CONSIDERS TAW PAYMENTS TO EMBASSIES FULLY CONSISTENT WITH SUCH APPLICABLE USG-HOST GOVT. AGREEMENTS. EMBASSIES SHOULD PRESENT ORAL APPROACH AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE OBTAIN WRITTEN APPROVAL DESCRIBED REFTEL, PARA 6, OR SIMILAR LANGUAGE ASAP. SUCH APPROVAL SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED AS GOVERNMENTAL CONCERN BETWEEN EMBASSY AND HOST GOVT. WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT OF THIRD PARTIES.
- 3. ASIDE FROM LEGAL BACKGROUND CONTAINED REFTEL, EMBASSY CAN ALSO MAKE POINT, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE, THAT IT IS NORMAL AND ACCEPTED PRACTICE FOR US DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS OF ALL KINDS OWED TO USG ENTITIES.
- 4. AGAIN, TAW FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO EMBASSY BANK ACCOUNTS FOR USG (OPIC) ARE TO BE SPENT IN HOST COUNTRIES FOR USG (EMBASSY) LOCAL EXPENSES. NO REPEAT NO SUCH FUNDS HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TRANSFERRED OUT OF COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND THEREFORE NO REPEAT NO US DOLLARS OR OTHER FOREIGN EXCHANGE NEED BE MADE AVAILABLE BY HOST COUNTRIES FOR SUCH TRANSACTIONS. MOREOVER, APPROVAL AT THIS TIME IS SOUGHT FOR PAST TRANSFERS ONLY, NOT FOR ANY FUTURE TRANSFERS.
- 5. PLEASE INFORM DEPT, ATTENTION STEPHEN WHILDEN, L/M, CURRENT STATUS YOUR PROGRESS ON THIS MATTER.
- 6. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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